

*vided*, that this act shall in no wise affect the legal rights of any corporations or persons whatever. [*Approved by the Governor, Feb. 18, 1845.*]

**Chap. 53.** An Act authorizing the President, Directors and Company of the Freeman's Bank to increase their capital stock.

*BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :*

Capital may be increased by \$50,000, in shares of \$100, &c.

SECT. 1. The president, directors and company of the Freeman's Bank, in Boston, are hereby authorized to increase their present capital stock, by an addition thereto of fifty thousand dollars, in shares of one hundred dollars each, which shall be paid in such instalments as the president and directors of said bank may direct and determine : *provided*, that the whole amount shall be paid in, on or before the first Monday in October next.

*Provided, &c.*

Liabilities of increased capital.

SECT. 2. The additional stock aforesaid shall be subject to the like tax, regulations, restrictions and provisions, to which the present capital stock of said corporation is now subject.

Certificate, &c. to be returned to the Secretary.

SECT. 3. Before said corporation shall proceed to do business upon said additional capital, a certificate, signed by the president and directors, and attested by the cashier under oath, that the same has been actually paid into said bank, shall be returned into the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth. [*Approved by the Governor, Feb. 19, 1845.*]

**Chap. 54.** An Act to authorize the Fall River Iron Works Company to extend their wharves.

*BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :*

Wharves may be extended to the channel of Mount Hope Bay, &c. *Provided, &c.*

The Fall River Iron Works Company are hereby authorized to extend their wharves to the channel of Mount Hope Bay, in the town of Fall River, and to lay vessels at said wharves, and receive wharfage and dockage therefor : *provided*, that this act shall in no wise affect the legal rights of any corporations or persons whatever. [*Approved by the Governor, Feb. 19, 1845.*]

**Chap. 55.** An Act concerning Insurance Companies.

*BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :*

Investments may be made in rail-road stock. *Provided, &c.*

From and after the passage of this act, any insurance company may invest its funds in the stock of any rail-road corporation created by the Legislature of this Commonwealth, whose capital has been wholly paid in : *provided*,

that not more than one third part of the capital of any insurance company, shall be invested in rail-road stock, nor more than one fifth part, in the stock of any one rail-road corporation. [*Approved by the Governor, Feb. 19, 1845.*]

An Act to change the Name of the Salem Children's Friend Society.

Chap. 56.

*BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :*

The Salem Children's Friend Society may take the name of the Salem Seaman's Orphan and Children's Friend Society, and said name shall hereafter be considered as the only legal corporate name of said society. [*Approved by the Governor, Feb. 19, 1845.*]

May take the name of, &c.

An Act to authorize Godfrey Rider to build a wharf.

Chap. 57.

*BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :*

Godfrey Rider is hereby authorized to build and maintain a wharf, from land owned by him in the town of Provincetown, unto the channel of Provincetown harbor, and to lay vessels at said wharf, and receive wharfage and dockage therefor: *provided*, this act shall in no wise affect the legal rights of any corporations or persons whatever. [*Approved by the Governor, Feb. 19, 1845.*]

Wharf may be built to the channel of Provincetown harbor, &c.

*Provided, &c.*

An Act concerning the Fire Department of the City of Salem.

Chap. 58.

*BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :*

SECT. 1. The city council of the city of Salem may annually select seven of the firewards chosen by said city, who shall constitute a board of engineers of the fire department; and said board shall select one of said number as chief engineer of the fire department.

Board of seven engineers may be selected from firewards by city council, and may select a chief engineer.

SECT. 2. Said board of engineers shall have all the powers, and exercise all the authority, which firewards, by the laws of the Commonwealth, and by an act passed on the sixteenth day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven, providing for the appointment of engine men in the town of Salem, now possess and are authorized to exercise.

To exercise the powers of firewards.

SECT. 3. Said board of engineers shall have the control and direction of all other firewards who may be appointed by said city councils; and if any fireward shall neglect or refuse to obey any orders given him by any of said board of engineers, or neglect or refuse to perform any service, which may be assigned to him by any of said board in the

And control and direct other firewards.